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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Kim R. Lockett

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 August 2005.
2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8/31/05.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Matsui (4433605).

Matsui discloses a system and method for mounting and adjusting the height of a bridge or tailpiece component to an instrument body comprising an insert comprising a plate and a threaded aperture portion and configured to be coupled to the instrument body (see figure 6), a mounting stud comprising a top portion and a threaded lower portion, the threaded bottom lower portion of the insert being positioned in the aperture portion of the insert , where the mounting stud clamps and mounts the component in position between the top portion of the top portion of the mounting stud and the plate (see figures 4 and 8).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which

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said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 9, and 12-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsui in view of MacCarty.

Matsui does not disclose the specific use of an adjustment screw.

MacCarty discloses the use of a system and method for mounting and adjusting the height of a bridge or tailpiece component to an instrument body comprising an insert comprising a plate (23) and a threaded aperture portion and configured to be coupled to the instrument body (see figure 6), a mounting stud comprising a top portion and a threaded lower portion, and an adjustment screw, the adjustment screw configured to be positioned in an adjustment screw hole of the component to laterally position the component relative to the insert and mounting stud (see figure 4).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the mounting device as disclosed by Matsui with the screw as disclosed by MacCarty in order to provide an efficient means of mounting an instrument.

4. Claims 20-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsui in view of MacCarty and Leslie.

Matsui and MacCarty do not disclose the use of a grommet.

Leslie discloses the use of a mounting system that uses a grommet (93) positioned between a screw and a mounting body.

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the mounting device as disclosed by Matsui with the screw as disclosed by MacCarty and the grommet as disclosed by Leslie in order to provide a reinforcement means for mounting a component.

6. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsui.

Matsui does not disclose the specific use of a square shaped plate.

However, It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the mounting device as disclosed by Matsui with a square shaped plate in order to provide a mounting surface for a component since it has been held that where the only difference between the prior art and the claims was a recitation of relative dimensions of the claimed device and a device having the claimed relative dimensions would perform differently than the prior art device, the claimed device was not patentably distinct from the prior art device.

7. Papers related to this application may be submitted to Group 2800 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Group 2800 via the PTO 2800 Fax Center at 703-872-9306.


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telephone number is 800-786-9199. Assistance is also available on the Internet at www.uspto.gov.

Any inquiry concerning **this communication or earlier communications from the examiner** should be directed to **Kim Lockett** whose **telephone number is (571) 272-2067**. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday through Friday from 6:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Martin can be reached on (571) 272-2107.


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